

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 4, 2010

Present: Marilyn Peterson, Joel Scherling, Freida Lange, Russ Inbody, Sharon Katt, Donlynn Rice, Melody Hobson, Brian Halstead, Mike Kozak, Mary Ann Losh, Scott Swisher, Roger Breed, Carol Fichter

1. Updates..... Roger Breed

Commissioner Breed reported that the Department budget has been submitted. He has a meeting with Senator Adams this month to discuss the Department budget.

Joel Scherling reported that NAPE negotiations have concluded. The contract will be presented to the State Board for action at the December meeting.

Commissioner Breed informed the Council of the results of the State Board of Education elections. The new Board members are John Seiler from Omaha, Lynn Cronk from Grand Island and Molly O'Holleran from North Platte. There will be opportunity at the December Board meeting to recognize the outgoing Board Members, who represent 28 years of service on the Board. Those leaving service are Kandy Imes, Joe Higgins and Fred Meyer. Council members were asked to submit word of thanks or notes to outgoing members to him to be included in the recognition. A new board member orientation will be scheduled for December 6-7.

Commissioner Breed shared the letter from the Governor requesting a briefing on the NeSA results.

2. Acceptable Use Violations for August & September Scott Swisher

Leadership Council members were asked to meet with their teams and remind employees about the Acceptable Use policy.

There continues to be discussion on the possible use of social networking programs in communicating with our stakeholders.

3. Telecommuting.....Scott Swisher & Joel Scherling

Discussion continues on the use of the option to telecommute. Documenting the time and work activity is an important necessity in the success of telecommuting and following State guidelines. A policy related to telecommuting is still under development

4. Survey Monkey Support and Web Conferencing.....Mike Kozak

Sharon Katt indicated that a member of the Adult Program Services Team is willing to assist with the Survey Monkey responsibilities left open since Shayne Morgan has left the department. Mary Ann Losh will survey her team for possible assistance with scheduling web conferences.

5. The Master CalendarMarilyn Peterson

Marilyn Peterson reviewed the new Master Calendar being developed for use in tracking Department deadlines, conferences and meetings. A team to set guidelines for submissions was organized. Proposed roll out date will be July 2011.

6. Travel Policy UpdateMarilyn Peterson

Dr. Swisher will provide clarification on the travel policy to staff.

7. NDE Logo on WebsitesMarilyn Peterson

The use of the NDE Logo is encouraged on all correspondence, brochures, publications, and websites. Templates are available on the P drive under NDE Logo Templates.

8. Board Follow-Up..... Roger Breed

Commissioner Breed reviewed the actions of the Board at the November meeting.

9. Items For All Staff Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.Roger Breed

The Agenda for the All Staff Meeting will include updates on:

- NAPE Agreement
- New Board Members
- Acceptable Use – Computers
- Budget Update
- Striving Readers
- Accountability Framework
- Educator Effectiveness System
- ESU – Professional Learning Networks

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.